

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please cancel all claims presently pending in the application, *i.e.*, claims 1-18. Please add new claims 19-29 as set forth in the List of Claims below.

**List of Claims**

- 1-18. Cancelled.
19. (New) A method of treating a patient for a substance P-related disease or condition, comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a peptidase selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO:1; SEQ ID NO:2; SEQ ID NO:3; and SEQ ID NO:4;  
and wherein said disease or condition is selected from the group consisting of: neuropathic pain; postherpetic pain; arthritic pain; and pain associated with an inflammatory condition.
20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein said peptidase is that of SEQ ID NO:1.
21. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein said peptidase is that of SEQ ID NO:2.
22. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein said peptidase is that of SEQ ID NO:3.
23. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein said peptidase is that of SEQ ID NO:4.
24. (New) The method of any one of claims 20-23, wherein said disease or condition is neuropathic pain.
25. (New) The method of any one of claims 20-23, wherein said disease or condition is postherpetic pain.

26. (New) The method of any one of claims 20-23, wherein said disease or condition is arthritic pain.
27. (New) The method of any one of claims 26, wherein said arthritic pain is due to rheumatoid arthritis.
28. (New) The method of any one of claims 26, wherein said arthritic pain is due to osteoarthritis.
29. (New) The method of any one of claims 20-23, wherein said peptidase is administered at a dose of between 1  $\mu$ g and 1 mg.